



New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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February 11, 2009

Chevron USA, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Casey R. Mobley
11111 S. Wilcrest, Rm S-1037
Houston, TX 77099

Administrative Order NSL-5987

Re: **H.T. Mattern NCT-B Well No. 29**
API No. 30-025
2310 feet FSL and 1460 feet FEL
Unit J, Section 30-21S-37E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mobley:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKAA09-01448693**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on January 14, 2009, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Chevron USA, Inc. (Chevron) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. The NW/4 SE/4 of Section 30 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the Penrose Skelly-Grayburg Pool (50350). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from the eastern unit boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to most effectively drain the reserves underlying this unit.



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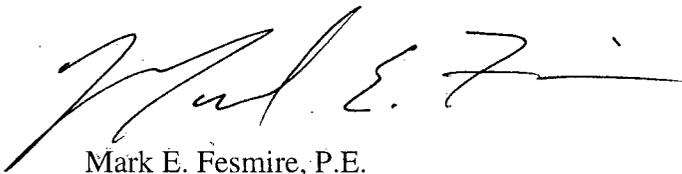
It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary because of common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Fesmire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs